

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

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2 A support apparatus for a cover adapted for use with a conventional
3 cover lifting device comprises one or more brackets for engaging the peripheral
4 edge and at least one tension member or strap extending between the crossbar of
5 the lifting device and the bracket. Where the cover has two planer surfaces joined at
6 a hinge for hanging over the crossbar, each strap and each bracket is are
7 sandwiched between the cover's folded surfaces and each bracket is preferably "T"-
8 shaped for engaging the peripheral edges of both surfaces. Preferably, the length of
9 the strap is adjustable. The weight of the cover is supported by the bracket and
10 strap to the crossbar rather than through the hinge or fabric connection to the
11 crossbar.